

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 20, 2025

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Mark Minor opened in prayer and Jay Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Robin LaBuwi, Stacia Sloan, Jay Copple, Mitch Bennett and Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Jennie Ren, Student Council Representative; Visitors: Amy Kolodziej, Aaron Lewis and Linda Smith.

4. (CLOSED) EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Collective Bargaining ** Request to add by Mr. Minor

Jay Copple made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and Collective Bargaining. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the executive board room at 5:31 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:37 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Mark Minor – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes and Marci Glover – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Jennie Ren, Student Council Representative; Visitors: Amy Kolodziej, Aaron Lewis and Linda Smith.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2025
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2025

5.2 Approve Financial Report (February 2025)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (February 2025)

5.4 Approve Annual IHSA Membership (ENCL A)

5.5 Approve Out of State/Overnight Twilight Relays at Marshall Co. High School in Kentucky for Girls Track on Friday, April 25, 2025

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5.6 Approve Out of State Field Trip for Physics Class to Physics Day at Six Flags in St. Louis, MO on Friday, April 25, 2025

5.7 Approve Out of State Pep Club Executive Board Field Trip to Six Flags in St. Louis, MO on Friday, May 2, 2025

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, board members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, and Mark Minor – yes. Motion carried. A copy of ENCL A has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Project updates
- Mr. Garner has continued to communicate with scoreboard/display board vendors and will compile information to narrow down the options before meeting with the extra-curricular committee.
- FOIA requests
- Spring enrollment reported to ISBE was 606
- Heritage Woods has requested an EAV reduction

Mr. Docherty and Mr. Miller provided a written report.

Mr. Garner shared a monthly athletic newsletter to staff and board members emails.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Linda Smith spoke on behalf of her twenty-five years of coaching, thanking the board for their time, as well as commending Shane Garner for the work he has done as athletic director.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Employment of Personnel

9.2 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Aaron Robinson as Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2024-25 SY. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Levi Pearce as Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2024-25 SY. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Jordan McMahon as Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach for the 2024-25 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve Aaron Cantrell as Boys Assistant Golf Coach for the 2025-26 SY. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Bryce Doughty as Girls Assistant Golf Coach for the 2025-26 SY. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Tommy Spillan as Volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2025-26 SY. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to accept the resignations of Alyssa Mitchell as Girls Assistant Tennis Coach and Cassie Jay as Assistant Volleyball Coach. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve Jason Seddon as the Head of Custodial Maintenance for the 2025-26 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Ashton Knight as Head Cheerleading Coach for the 2025-26 SY. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Jay Copple – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Minor – no, Stacia Sloan – abstain, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Dailus Richardson, Laindree Richardson, Trevor McKinney and Matt Warren as Bass Fishing Volunteers for the 2024-25 SY. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Deedra Gamber as a Volunteer Assistant Boys Track Coach for the 2024-25 SY. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Approve Contract for Principal Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Resolution Approving Contract for Employment for School Principal as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.4 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Jay Copple made a motion to approve posting the following positions for the 2025-26 SY: Assistant Girls Tennis Coach and Assistant Volleyball Coach. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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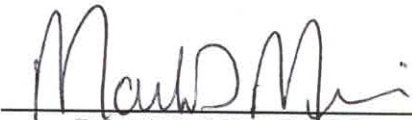
9.5 Approve District Extracurricular Dead Week, June 29, 2025 – July 5, 2025 Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the district extracurricular dead week as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.6 Review/Approve Proposal to Replace Bus Barn Overhead Doors and Openers Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the Proposal Replacing the Bus Barn Overhead Doors and Openers as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this proposal has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

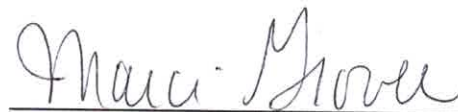
9.7 Award Letter of Intent to a Qualified Energy Service Company Partner Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve OMNI Energy Partners as the District's Qualified Provider for Energy Performance Contracting Projects. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this letter has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

11. ADJOURNMENT Mitch Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 P.M. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.



BOARD PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY